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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. The following addresses the substance of the Office Action.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Applicants have amended Claim 1 to remove "halogen-free" from line 4 of the claim and change "comprising" to "consisting of" in lines 4 and 9 of the claim. Because of the change to "consisting of" in line 4, the phrase "and a halogen-free, aprotic solvent" was added to be consistent with what is recited in lines 14-15 of the claim.

In view of the changes to Claim 1 and the Examiner's comments on page 4 of the Office Action, Applicants assert that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee.

Serial Number	Title	Filed
10/569,658	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SEPARATING METALS AND/OR METAL ALLOYS FROM METALLO-ORGANIC ELECTROLYTES	18-Dec-2006
10/573,519	ELECTROLYTE FOR THE GALVANIC DEPOSITION OF ALUMINUM-MAGNESIUM ALLOYS	31-Jan-2007

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10/576,284	WORKPIECES COATED WITH AN ALUMINUM/MAGNESIUM ALLOY	23-Apr-2007
10/578,796	COATING OF SUBSTRATES	10-Apr-2007

CONCLUSION

Applicants have endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, amendments to the claims, the reasons therefor, and arguments in support of the patentability of the pending claim set are presented above. In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is specifically requested. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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